

Payette National Forest 2022 Outreach - FIRE



**Multiple Seasonal/Temporary
Various Series and Grades, Multiple Duty Locations**



The [Payette National Forest](#) offers many Seasonal/Temporary employment opportunities in and around the communities of [Weiser, Council, New Meadows, McCall](#) and [Yellow Pine](#). See the list below, then click on the links to see information specific job opportunities.

ALL VACANCIES ARE OPEN NOVEMBER 5 – NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Fire - Lookout, Helitack/Rappellers, Smokejumper, Engine, Hand Crew

NOTE: Yellowpine will be hiring for Handcrew Positions Only

Example: If you apply to the GS-4 Suppression announcement in Council you will be available to be hired by the **Type 4 Engine, Type 6 Engine, and Wildland Fire Module.**

Forestry Aid / Forestry Technician – Hand Crew Position: GS-0462-03/04/05

The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression, as a firefighter on a wildland fire module. The module consists of five to ten crewmembers. Other wildland fire related duties might involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning. You will also be involved with the maintenance and repair of firefighting tools equipment and facilities and will receive firefighting training. This position serves as a skilled crew member of a wildland fire module.

Crew 6: Five-person hand crew located on the East Zone of the Payette in **Yellowpine, ID.**

Snowslide Module: 10-person hand crew located on the Central Zone of the Payette in **McCall.**

Hells Canyon Module: 10-person hand crew located on the West Zone of the Payette in **Council.**

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Forestry Aid/Technician (Fire) – Engine Position: GS-0462-03/04/05

The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression, as a firefighter on an engine crew. Other wildland fire related duties might involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning. You will also be involved with the maintenance and repair of firefighting tools equipment and facilities and will receive firefighting training. This position serves as a skilled crew member of a wildland fire suppression engine crew.

Position Title	Grade	Vacancy Announcement #	Duty Location	Contact
Forestry Aid	GS-0462-03	22-TEMPF3-R4-3867-3DH	Yellow Pine	Robert Bailey 208-634-0613 robert.c.bailey@usda.gov
Forestry Technician	GS-0462-04	22-TEMPF3-R4-2036-4DH (Handcrew "Yellowpine only") 22-TEMPF3-R4-0003-4DH (Handcrew/Helitack/Engine) 22-TEMPF3-R4-3869-5DH (Engine)	New Meadows	Brian Bush 208-347-0311 brian.bush@usda.gov
			McCall	Jared Schuster 208-634-0411 jared.schuster@usda.gov
			Council	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4211 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
	GS-0462-05	22-TEMPF3-R4-2037-5DH (Hand Crew All Duty locations)	Weiser	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4211 christian.ramirez@usda.gov

Forestry Technician (Helitack) – Krassel Helitack/Price Valley Rappellers GS-0462-04/05

Independently performs recurring fire suppression duties on a Helitack/Rappel or Helitack/Shorthaul crew as a firefighter. Responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland and prescribed fire situations. Serves as an experienced firefighter on a hand crew or other related fire suppression crews performing fire suppression and/or fuels management duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain.

Helicopter Operations Duties: Loads helicopter personnel and cargo considering methods, weight distribution, necessity for securing, total weight, etc. and completes manifests of personnel and equipment being transported to the fire or other work site. Inventories and inspects helicopter accessories, fire tools, and equipment. Certified in the use of long line external loads and the operation and maintenance of accessory equipment.

Helibase Duties: Grounds and facilities maintenance, firefighting equipment maintenance, support vehicle maintenance.

Administrative Duties: Documenting time, vehicles, fire suppression documentation, complete required training and refreshers.

McCall Position: Will serve as a certified shorthauler. No certification in rappelling.

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New Meadows Position: Housing is available at the Price Valley Helibase and will serve as a certified rappeller.

Physical Fitness Duties: Participate with established crew training schedule.

- 1.5 Mile Run 11:00 minutes or less
- Chin-ups 7
- Push-ups 25 in 1 minute
- 85# Pack Test 3 miles over typical terrain in 1.5 hrs. or less
- WCT 45# Pack Test 3 miles, 45 minutes (condition of hire)

Individuals must pass the performance-based elements in the National Rappel Operations Guide during rappel training. If an individual cannot pass these elements, they will be removed from the Program

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Forestry Technician Helitack	GS-0462-04	22-TEMPF3-R4-0003-4DH (Handcrew/Helitack/Engine)	McCall	Eric Taplin Krassel Helitack 208-634-0976 eric.taplin@usda.gov
	GS-0462-05	22-TEMPF3-R4-0200-5DH	New Meadows	Andy Guest Price Valley Rappellers 208-347-0306 andy.guest@usda.gov

Forestry Technician (Smokejumper) – McCall Smokejumpers GS-0462-04/05

Position Description: Smokejumping duties can be extremely arduous and hazardous.

Smokejumpers must be in excellent physical condition as well as possess a high degree of emotional stability and mental alertness. The job often involves prolonged periods when smoke, heat, and short supplies of food and water can take their toll on physical stamina. The physical well-being of each smokejumper on an assignment may depend on the ability of individuals to pull their own weight.

To become qualified as a smokejumper you must satisfactorily complete six weeks of intensive training in parachute jumping, physical conditioning, and fire suppression techniques. Previous parachute training either in the military or sport jumping is not required nor advantageous.

When candidates report for duty, they will be given a physical conditioning and strength test which consists of completing the minimum standards of 7 pull-ups, 25 push-ups, 45 sit-ups, and a 1.5 mile run in 11:00 minutes or less. Prospective candidates should understand that these are the minimum requirements, and much more will be expected of them both physically and mentally over the course of the following six weeks. Any person who cannot meet these minimum physical requirements will be terminated from the smokejumper program.

One of the most demanding physical requirements of smokejumping is the gear pack-out.

Smokejumper gear and tools weigh an average of 110 pounds per person. Smokejumpers must be able to carry this gear to the nearest trail, road, or helispot after suppressing the fire. Pack off distances can be over ten miles. During the training, smokejumper trainees are required to demonstrate their own ability to pack this gear a distance of three miles in 90 minutes or less. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the smokejumper program.

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In addition to the physical requirements, smokejumper trainees must demonstrate a high level of proficiency in the various aspects of parachute jumping and other smokejumper related tasks during the training period. Trainee performance is continually evaluated during the training period and those persons who cannot perform up to the required standard of proficiency will be terminated from the program and placed in another job, if available.

Position Title	Grade/Series	Vacancy Announcement #	Duty Location	Contact
Forestry Technician (smokejumper)	GS-0462-05	22-TEMPF3-R4-0829-5DH	McCall	Todd Haynes 208-634-0381 Christopher.Haynes@usda.gov
	GS-0462-06	22-TEMPF3-R4-0830-6DH		Matt Summerfield matt.summerfield@usda.gov

Forestry Technician (Fuels) GS-0462-05

Position Description: Incumbent collects and compiles resource data for long and medium range planning, treatment, and reporting of natural and created fuel hazard management program. Executes fuel treatment plans, slash hazard appraisals, and hazard reduction plans for slash creating projects or contracts. Records fuel treatment activity records for required reports and final project completion.

Maintains fuel management inventories as they are completed and updates the files as conditions change. Makes initial attack on fires as needed. Locates areas for commercial and free use fuel wood removal according to fuel wood availability, accessibility, and consistency with related fuel management program.

Position Title	Grade/ Series	Vacancy Announcement #	Duty Locations	Contact
Forestry Technician (Fuels)	GS-0462-05	22-TEMPF3-R4-0912-5DH	New Meadows	Phil Graeve (208)-271-6924 phillip.graev@usda.gov

Forestry Aid/Technician (Fire) – Lookout Position: GS-0462-04/05

Uses standard fire finders to locate observed smoke. Estimates distance to smokes and probable size and characteristics of fires. Determines map location of fires with reference to known landmarks. Reports azimuth, distance, location, volume, color, behavior of smoke, and other pertinent information by radio or telephone. Continues to observe the area and reports significant changes such as increased smoke, wind conditions, changes in color or volume of smoke, etc. Observes ground lightning strikes, thunderstorms, and build-up cloud formations and reports significant observations. Records and reports daily weather observations. Maintains records and logbooks. Makes minor adjustments and maintains lookout equipment. Maintains lookout station and grounds in a neat and orderly condition. Operates a radio communications center which connects other lookout stations and radio sets. Receives and relays messages and information received relating to weather forecasts, fire hazard conditions, fire emergencies, accidents, and location of work crews and personnel. Serves as key contact at a lookout station visited by large numbers of people during the fire season. Promotes the fire prevention program by explaining State and Federal laws, policies, and regulations, as well as fire prevention methods and procedures and fire hazard conditions.

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***Both Krassel and McCall lookouts are hired from the McCall duty location. Applications to the McCall duty station will be considered for both McCall and Krassel Ranger district lookouts**

Position Title	Grade/ Series	Vacancy Announcement #	Duty Locations	Contact
Forestry Tech (Lookout)	GS-0462-04	22-TEMPF3-R4-2856-4DH	Weiser	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
			New Meadows	Brian Bush 208-347-0311 brian.bush@usda.gov
	GS-0462-05	22-TEMPF3-R4-3451-5DH	McCall	Jared Schuster (McCall) 208-634-0411 jared.schuster@usda.gov Robert Bailey Krassel 208-634-0613 robert.c.bailey@usda.gov
			Council	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov

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The Payette National Forest contains some of Idaho's most beautiful and diverse country. Located north of Boise in west-central Idaho, the 2.3-million-acre forest extends 100 miles west to east, from Hells Canyon to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The forest stretches 70 miles between the Main Salmon River to the north and the Weiser River to the south. There are five Ranger Districts, approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. The current Forest priorities are:

- **Landscape Restoration** focusing on working with collaborative groups to accomplish landscape-scale restoration in the Weiser River and Little Salmon watersheds, which will improve watershed function, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and reduce hazardous fuels, as well as provide local employment through stewardship contracting.
- **Recreation Management** supporting developed and dispersed recreation opportunities during both summer and winter seasons across the Forest, stewardship of the Payette's portion of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and providing outstanding public service.
- **Range Management** addressing Bighorn Sheep viability and sustainable management of cattle and domestic sheep grazing allotments.
- **Minerals Management** of significant minerals projects and the numerous smaller minerals development projects.
- **Wildland Fire Preparedness** including training and preparedness to manage wildland fire incidents on the Forest and across the country.

We hope you will consider the Payette National Forest as your future home for career and recreation. More information on the Payette National Forest is available at: www.fs.usda.gov/payette.

CONTACT

For additional information contact the **point of contact for each individual position** or one of the Payette National Forest Recruiters:

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How to Apply

You can apply for any of these position on the open and continuous announcements at: USAJOBS.gov - [The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site](http://TheFederalGovernment'sOfficialJobsSite). Through the announcement you will be instructed to electronically attach additional information (e.g.; resume, SF-50(former Federal employee), training documentation/ certificates, college transcripts, etc.)

***To be considered for certain position locations, it must be among the locations you have selected.
New Meadows, McCall, Cambridge, Council, Weiser, Yellow Pine.**

***Questions about a specific position or office location should be directed to the contact for that position. Not every position will have government housing available.**

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For additional help with the application process or job information, you may contact the Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248.

For a How to Apply on USAJOBS guide visit:

www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/USAJOBS_Instructions.pdf.

For a Federal Resume Guide visit: www.archives.gov/careers.

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McCall, located in Valley County, lies 90 miles north of Boise on State Highway 55. Sitting at 5,000 feet, it occupies the south shore of beautiful Payette Lake. The population swells from 3,200 to 10-20,000 in the summer during the peak of tourist season and in the winter during the annual Winter Carnival celebration. Total snowfall is over 10 feet, allowing McCall to boast some of the best winter recreation in the state, with snowmobiling, sledding, Nordic and downhill skiing. Brundage and Tamarack Resorts are within a short drive. Summer is shorter than at lower elevations but is ideal, with daytime temperatures in the 70-80s, and a few days in the 90s. Payette Lake provides plenty of swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities in the summer; a state park and adjacent Forest lands provide ample hiking, running and biking trails. Sunshine is common in all seasons. Access to the expansive and remote Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Area and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Wilderness are located nearby.

McCall is a full-service community that fills most needs. It has a regional hospital, an integrative health clinic, dentists, chiropractors, and optometrists. McCall also has several service stations, two grocery stores, motels, banks, lumber yards, a variety of restaurants, coffee shops, a wide variety of shopping, daycare centers (including a Forest-sponsored daycare), a public and a private golf course and an airport. Numerous churches are in the surrounding area.

The community has an excellent grade school, new middle school, a high school that serves both Donnelly and McCall, and an alternative school. Numerous extra-curricular activities and electives are available. There is a strong winter sports program, with both downhill and Nordic after school ski programs. For more information: <http://www.mdsd.org/>

The Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office, and McCall and Krassel Ranger District offices are in McCall. Several Fire and Aviation facilities and programs are also located in McCall including the Payette Fire Cache, Payette Dispatch Center, McCall Smokejumper Base, McCall Helibase and the McCall Airtanker Base. **Government housing is available in McCall on a very limited basis.**

Average home prices in McCall are in the \$540,000 range. Rentals are available from \$1,500 to \$2,500/month. With the majority of homes in the area being second homes, home selection is limited, and inventory often sells quickly.

Communities close to McCall include New Meadows and Riggins to the north, Council to the southwest, and Donnelly and Cascade to the south. All are within an hour's drive of McCall. For more information about living the dream in McCall, visit these websites:

[McCall Public Schools](#)

[St. Luke's Hospital McCall](#)

[McCall Chamber of Commerce](#)

[City of McCall](#)

[Ponderosa State Park](#)

[The Star News](#)

[Brundage Mountain Resort](#)

[McCall weather averages](#)

[McCall Area Snowmobilers](#)

[McCall Wikipedia page](#)

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Located between McCall and Council, the community of New Meadows is home to approximately 500 residents. The town sits at 3900 feet in a wide valley with forested slopes on each side. New Meadows boasts exceptional outdoor recreation, with an 18-hole golf course, a 10-mile drive to Brundage Resort and world-class fishing on the Salmon River to the north. The average summer temperature is just under 80 degrees, and snow covers the ground from December to March. The New Meadows Ranger District office is located here.

New Meadows has a K-12 school system, all housed on the same campus. Class sizes are small, with student to teacher ratios under 20:1. The high school boasts a strong science program, with a weeklong field trip offered each spring break. Community support for the school is strong, with financial support through supplemental levies passed on a regular basis.

For more information: <http://www.mvsd11.org/>

New Meadows offers a few services and amenities, including a library, a senior center, several service stations and motels, and several restaurants and coffee shops. Rental prices vary. Median home price is \$500,00, higher than the Council area but lower than McCall. **Government housing is available in McCall on a very limited basis.**

Communities close to New Meadows include Council to the south, Riggins to the north, and McCall, Donnelly and Cascade to the southeast. All are within an hour's drive of New Meadows.

For more information about living in New Meadows, visit these websites:

<http://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/>

<https://visitidaho.org/places-to-stay/new-meadows/>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/New-Meadows-Idaho.html>

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Council is a community of approximately 880 people located in a wide, picturesque valley with timbered slopes on each side. Hunting and wildlife viewing are excellent; elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, black bears, turkeys, and grouse are abundant. Other recreation opportunities in the surrounding area include hiking, skiing, boating, fishing, wilderness use, bike and horseback riding, four-wheeling, and rodeo. The spectacular Hells Canyon Recreation Area is adjacent to the district, and the Weiser River Trail runs through the middle of the Council Valley. The valley also is home to a small golf course and an airstrip. Long summers, early springs, and pleasant falls typify the climate. Snow is common from November through March. Elevations on the District range from 1700 to almost 9000 feet atop Council Mountain.

Council is the county seat of Adams County. Amenities and businesses include two grocery stores, several restaurants, a library, a coffee house, a hardware store, a water-bottling facility, and many other small businesses. Medical services include a medical clinic, dental office, and Life Flight. Council supports 5 churches.

Council has an elementary and a junior/senior high school, both located close to the center of town. The district has been very successful in reading, language, and math achievement goals over the past decade; the high school is rated as a “5 star” school by the state of Idaho. The district boasts several innovative programs, including a shop, FFA, and FCCLA programs at the high school, and a greenhouse and community garden for use in science and natural resource curriculum for all grades.

For more information: <http://csd13.org/>

The housing market around Council is limited, but prices are reasonable, with 2–3 bedroom homes ranging from \$250,000 to \$350,000 for homes on smaller lots, and \$300,000 to \$675,000 and up for homes on land, depending on location and acreage. There are also several custom home builders in the area; bare land for sale is often available in parcels ranging from a few acres to over 100. Very few rental homes are available, and prices vary greatly, but generally run between \$800.00 and \$950.00/month.

Government housing may be available. Council is about 60 miles from Weiser, 80 miles from Ontario, Oregon, and 120 miles from Boise. These cities offer excellent shopping, entertainment, restaurants, and other services.

Communities close to Council include Cambridge, Midvale and Weiser to the south, New Meadows to the north, and McCall to the northeast. All are within an hour's drive of Council.

For more information about living in Council, visit these websites:

<http://www.councilchamberofcommerce.com/>

<http://councilidaho.net>

<http://www.theadamscountyrecord.com/>

<http://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/council/idaho/united-states/usid0054>

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Located on the Idaho-Oregon border, Weiser is a full-service farming community of approximately 5,300 residents and is the county seat of Washington County. It lies in the desert valley about 15 miles south of the Forest with mild winters, hot summers, and a long growing season. It has an active recreation department with beautiful city parks, sports programs for kids, and an outdoor city pool. Outdoor recreation opportunities abound, with excellent hunting for upland birds, waterfowl, deer, and elk. Snowmobiling, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, water skiing, camping and ATV riding are all popular in the area. Bogus Basin and Brundage Mountain ski areas and groomed snowmobile trails are within two hour's drive. The Weiser Ranger District office is located here.

Weiser is home to two elementary schools (one K-3 and one 4-6), a junior high, and a highschool. Schools are considered excellent and offer modern facilities and equipment and dedicated, well-qualified staffs. A wide variety of extra-curricular club activities and sports are available to students. Class sizes are small, allowing for ample student-teacher interaction.

More information: <http://www.weiserschools.org/>.

The small local hospital provides a full range of services, a medical specialty clinic, and emergency care, including Life Flight. Four physicians, a physical therapist, two dentists, and an optometrist have primary offices in Weiser. Amenities in the area include several restaurants, a library, senior center, grocery store, hardware store, and coffee shops. Churches of most denominations and faiths serve the community, including several providing worship services in Spanish.

Government housing is not available in Weiser. Rental housing is available and ranges from \$750 per month and up. Homes to purchase are fairly abundant and range in price for a 2 to 3 bedroom home from \$200,000 to \$350,000. The communities of Ontario, Oregon (20 miles) and Boise, Idaho (70 miles) offer excellent shopping, entertainment, restaurants, and other services.

Communities close to Weiser include Cambridge, Midvale and Council to the north and Fruitland, Payette and Ontario to the south. All are within an hour's drive of Weiser.

For more information about living in Weiser, visit this website: <http://www.weiserchamber.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weiser,_Idaho

<https://cityofweiser.net/>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Weiser-Idaho.html>